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In re Applicants: § ş RONALD L. MAHANY ROBERT C. MEIER RONALD E. LUSE

April 14, 1998 Filed:

Serial No.: 09/060,287 COMMUNICATION NETWORK For: HAVING A PLURALITY OF

TRANSMIT A BEACON TO SAVING THAT IT HAS MESSAGES AWAITING DELIVERY

BRIDGING NODES WHICH TERMINAL NODES IN POWER

Art Unit: 2782

T. PEYTON Examiner:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration of the application, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 47-58 as follows:

(New) A communication network supporting wireless communication of messages, 1

2 said communication network comprising:

a first node having a wireless transceiver; 3

a second node having a wireless transceiver, 4

said first node wirelessly transmitting at periodic intervals to accommodate delivery 5

of messages from said first node to said second node; and 6

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